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For: METHOD FOR IDENTIFICATION, SEPARATION AND QUANTITATIVE
MEASUREMENT OF NUCLEIC ACID FRAGMENTS

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached to the Notice of Allowance dated December 22, 2006. The Issue Fee and related Transmittal documents are also enclosed.

Particularly, the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be used to interpret the cited claims, particularly to the extent that any part of the Statement differs from the express language of the claims and/or applicants' positions on patentability of those claims. It is respectfully submitted that the allowed claims should be entitled the broadest reasonable interpretation and broadest range of equivalents that are appropriate in light of the language of the claims, the supporting

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disclosure and applicants' prosecution of the claims, without reference to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

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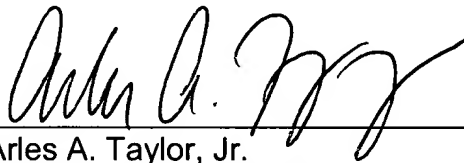
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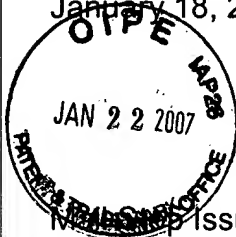
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METHOD FOR IDENTIFICATION, SEPARATION AND
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FRAGMENTS
Our Ref. No. 1392/18/7/2

Sir:

Enclosed in connection with the above-referenced patent application please find the following:

1. Part B - Issue Fee Transmittal Form;
2. Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance (2 pages);
3. Check in the amount of \$1,730.00; and
4. A return-receipt card to be returned to our offices with the U.S. Patent and Trademark filing stamp thereon.

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Please contact our offices if there are any questions.

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